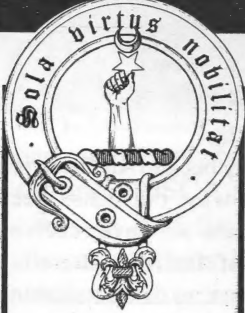


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## A Henderson Baptism

The Kirkin', which was conducted by Pastor Jeff Lowrance of Hopewell Presbyterian Church, was moved to the Chief's Tent at the Loch Norman Games because of the weather.

The service began with the baptism of Blake Joyner Lewis, son of John Henry Lewis, III and Meridith Henderson Bass Lewis, daughter of L.D. and Nancy Bass of Clan Henderson.

Little Blake, being of Clan Henderson, is also a direct descendant of Major John Davidson, who originally settled Rural Hill in the 1760's.

Both a Henderson tartan banner and a Davidson tartan banner were presented during the baptismal service. The Davidson banner was presented by Michael Davidson, President of Clan Davidson Society. (See Loch Norman on page 14.)



Pastor Jeff Lowrance, the L.D. Bass Family on the left, the mother, Meredith Henderson Bass Lewis, the father, John Henry Lewis holding baby Blake, and the Lewis Family on the right.

## Slate of Officers Presented by Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, composed of George C. Henderson, Chair; Paul Roy Henderson, NY; B.B. Shuffler, TX; Larry Mae Phillips, CA; and Robert Henderson, CO, has presented a slate of officers for the years 1997-1998.

While this nomination was developed by the committee and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting at the Longs Peak Highland Games at Estes Park on 7-8 September, it does not preclude nominations from the floor.

The nominated officers are those officers currently serving the Clan.

|                 |                                |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Russ Henderson  | President                      |
| David Henderson | Vice President—General Counsel |
| Danny Henderson | Vice President                 |
| Harry Keifer    | Secretary                      |
| Christi Heston  | Treasurer.                     |

Attend the 1996  
AGM in The Rockies

Bob Henderson, SouthWest Regional Commissioner, advises that his region is prepared for our Annual General Meeting and election. (More on Page 17.)

He asks of each of us to do just a few things:

- Come to Estes Park, Colorado, on 7 and 8 September for the Longs Peak Games
- Tell him you will be there. This second item covers both your presence and whether you want a reservation for the Clan Henderson Saturday night dinner.

## AGM Dinner Reservations

**D**ue to space limitations the Annual General Meeting Dinner on Saturday 7 September will be limited to just 50 persons.

The first 50 persons to reserve a place will be accommodated. As of 13 June, we have 46 reservations. While not all members may be able to get into our private dining room, it may be possible for you to get a reservation in the main room.

Send your reservations and checks to

Robert H. Henderson  
2730 El Rancho Drive  
Loveland, CO 80538-2911

Be sure to specify your choice of entree—Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Halibut. The \$20 covers your dinner and gratuity. Drinks i.e. beer, wine etc. are not included.

Reservations, acknowledgments, and tickets will be mailed in June.

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Please submit your material at anytime. Our address list is maintained by the Clan Secretary and changes should be submitted directly to him.

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# This and That

by Russ Henderson  
President and Editor

**I** am using this column because of the many subjects I need to share with you.

### The Election

Yes, I have agreed to serve another term with the current Clan leadership, provided we are elected.

### An Canach

Yes, I have asked for help with An Canach—this issue was going to go to Mark on 1 June, and here it is the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Where does the time go? Let me tell you. The 24 pages of An Canach require about 2 hours apiece to produce. As usual, I wait until I receive articles before putting them on the page. I have started "hanging" regular articles when they are received, but I am finding that I can only put in 2-3 hours a night. The updated coming events page took about three hours of research. I hope you get the idea, that I need help.

Then I get articles that need some help themselves, like the "Excerpts..." article. Why did I have to work with it? Because it told a good story for me to use as a lead in to this thought:

Fordell Castle is not a Henderson property, nor is it a public tourist attraction, but the current owner is willing to have visitors if he has adequate notification.

Lee's visit was partially set up behind the scenes and partly as he told the tale.

### Visiting Fordell Castle

For your visit, plan your day or days of availability to be at the castle, and then write a letter to the UK Society in care of:

Lt. Col. James Henderson-Laird  
"Craigielea" 11 Hallhill Steadings  
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East Lothian, Scotland

Request that he contact Dr. Ingles concerning your trip plans. He will respond before you leave home, but that will take some planning ahead on your part. Dr Ingles, or Hender-

son-Laird, do take the odd week off, so plan your request like this. Select the date of the visit, back off the three week advance notice requested by Dr Ingles, take another week for their possible vacation and another week for airmail to Scotland, and then add a little safety time. About time you started writing isn't it?

**Do not just show up!**

### Youth Activities

I am quickly back to An Canach. I do not know why, but it has been some time since we have received notification of families attending Highland Games, of dancers dancing and pipers piping. Pictures seem to have become something only an elite few take anymore.

What has happened to all those stage Moms and Dads?

The reason that certain folks and areas are mentioned regularly in An Canach is that I hear from them.

You don't have to be an official of the Clan to write a story about an event—fresh faces bring a new perspective. I can't guarantee a front page spread for your photos, but I can guarantee coverage as long as it is about Scottish material and the Hendersons.

### Newsletter Competition

An Canach was again recognized for excellence in the Odom Library newsletter competition.

The success we have had is in direct relationship to the reports and interesting stories that each of you provide. Do not wait to be asked to contribute—write now!

### UK Newsletter

An Canach is finally in regular production in the UK. David A. Henderson has assumed the desktop production duties and has come a long way in just two issues.

I told him that he may use any material we have published, but find I might be wanting to use some of his.

Yours aye,

Russ

*An Canach* ♦ Spring 1996



# Clan Henderson Awards 1995

## The Chief's Order

*The highest level of recognition by the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada is the "Chief's Order." Persons selected for the Chief's Order are individuals who have made great contributions to the Clan.*

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **Pat Maddox**, Clan Member Plenipotentiary, Genealogist, COSCA Representative, for her many contributions to the Clan while representing COSCA and assisting persons of many clans to find the representative societies, and assisting others in genealogical research, and while representing Clan Henderson to the Scottish-American and Scottish-Canadian communities, both formally and informally, across North America.

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **Robert E. Phillips Sr.**, Convenor, for his constant support of the Clan in the South Pacific Region, planning and convening gatherings across the region, designing displays, participating in Scottish activities for the Clan, and being a continual representative of the Clan and a supporter of the Regional Officers.

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **Thomas P. Henderson**, Commissioner, Mid-South Region, for his many outstanding activities representing Henderson heritage at many regional functions, for participating in school programs telling of Scottish Heritage and history, for being Clan Henderson to the Scottish Society of Mobile of which he is past President, for representing the Clan and Scotland in the International Day program in the schools, and for developing the Regional activities.

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **John W. Henderson**, Commissioner, Canadian Region, for his many innovative ideas for gathering the Clan in Canada, his presence and motivation which has brought organization and membership to the entire country, his historical and genealogical research, and his vision for the Clan in the future.

*Outstanding  
Clan Members  
being  
recognized for  
outstanding  
performance*

## The Chief's Prize

*The Chief's Prize is for an individual who has made a major contribution to the future of the Clan*

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **Ann Fletcher** for her ongoing contribution to the Society. Her support of the Chief, Dr. John Henderson of Fordell, the elected officers, the regional commissioners, and convenors has been truly outstanding. Her efforts have provided every member of the Society with a visual awareness and understanding of our tartan and the Chief's badge as they have become the rallying points of the Clan.

## The Chief's Youth Award

*The Chief's Youth Award is granted to Hendersons studying Scottish heritage and culture—musical performance or the arts*

**T**he Order of the Chief (1995) is awarded to **Sharon Weymuth**, Highland Dancer, for her continuing study of highland dancing and steady improvement in dance competitions. Her participation and interest in the activities of Clan Henderson will insure our support at competitions.

A scholarship in the amount of \$100 is provided to help Sharon to continue her studies.

*The Youth  
Award is an  
application  
process*

◆  
*Be sure you  
apply this  
Autumn*

# Participation, Involvement & Membership

By Danny Henderson

*Because of our walkabout and other unique activities exclusive to our clan, we demonstrate a closeness not always seen at other clan tents*



While reviewing past issues of our An Canach on my deck this past morning, I was delighted and proud of the many contributors who have provided articles and assistance in bringing out our award winning newsletter. From the great graphic design of Ken Henderson to the recent historical articles from Charlotte native L.D. Bass, this paper truly has had some great contributors. For this I extend sincere thanks.

As you know, my focus has been to prod, enhance and cajole you into becoming more active in your local scene via the Family Plan activities or by just volunteering to spend a little more time at our tent, which is your home while attending the local games.

Because of our walkabout and other unique activities exclusive to our clan, we demonstrate a closeness not always seen at other clan tents. In fact, at a recent games, a new member remarked how he had previously approached two other Clan tents where he had some connection through heritage and was not greeted by anybody.

Then he stepped over to our tent and was met by Horace Loftin, who probably provides the most enthusiastic greeting of any of us (new Laddies get a handshake, new Lassies a hug!!). Horace promptly signed him as a new member. His comment to Horace and me was, "This is where I belong!!" Our enthusiasm and closeness as a clan is regularly noticed at these events. Thanks, everyone!



Since my early morning quiet time was spent with our newsletter, I would like to encourage you to continue feeding/sending us your thoughts, notes, musings and otherwise so that Russ and others can keep producing this fine communication. All of you have great and in-

teresting bits of information that add to all aspects of our publication. Send them to us!!



I recently noted the number of letters that came in and were published as a result of recent historical/genealogical articles. This is obviously a hot area of your interest and I encourage all of you, if you desire, to write or produce similar work and send it directly to me. I am in the planning stages of my six week sabbatical next summer and am hoping that my distant cousin in the D.C. area will come forward with the key information which links my line to a specific area in Scotland, so that my trek there will be extra special. I can see many of you have similar desires as evidenced by your responses to such articles.



Russ and a few others have handled the responsibility of producing this fine newsletter for many years. As you noticed on page 21 of this past April issue, he is seeking some extra contributors to assume some of the duties that he and others have been handling. If you have an interest and can spend 4-6 hours every quarter pulling together articles please step up! Otherwise, if you have articles, news or other bits that we may have not touched upon in previous issues, please push them our way. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past, and welcome to those who will help us in the future.



After reading the latest *Family Tree* from the Odom Library in Moultrie, Georgia, I am pleased to announce that An Canach remains an award-winning newsletter.

Our congratulations to Russ,

Judy, Mark, and Ken. The awards are important, but the entire clan knows that we have a first-rate newsletter without anyone telling us.



Several issues ago I touched upon our Family Plan concept and the desire by us to have you strengthen your local organizational efforts to help take some of the burden off of our Commissioners. I am happy to say that I have heard from some of you about your local efforts and have participated in some myself relating to the recently-held Loch Norman Games. Your continued participation is appreciated and wanted. You all bring something unique to our Clan.



In the last issue, I mentioned that Fordell Castle had been bought for £50,000—close! Actually I have been advised that the figure was more like £550,000.

You will read about Lee and Dottie Henderson's visit to the castle on page 12. The owners were very gracious, but it is their private property. It is not open to the general public! Russ has addressed visits on page 2, so let me with it with a caution to be courteous and observe the rules.



One last reminder! The Annual General Meeting and biennial election of officers will be held at the Longs Peak Games to be held at Estes Park, Colorado, 7-8 September.

Ricky's Resort is our Games Hotel. The dinner Saturday evening will be held there at a cost of \$20 per person. There are only 50 seats and you must make your reservation by 27 August (seats may all be taken by then) with Bob Henderson, (970) 663-3773.



# Halbert's Under Cease and Desist Order

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**H**albert's, Inc., of Bath, Ohio, a mail order firm that markets surname products, has agreed to the provisions of a cease and desist order issued by the United States Postal Service (USPS) in November 1995. "Halbert's," "Family Book Offer," and "Historic Book Offer" are trade names used by Numa Corporation of Akron, Ohio.

On 23 March 1995, the National Genealogical Society (NGS), with the support of the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), submitted to the United States Postal Service's Chief Counsel, Consumer Protection, a 120-page report on Halbert's marketing practices with the request that these practices be investigated.

NGS and FGS also launched a "grass roots" campaign to encourage the participation and cooperation of genealogists nationwide. A brochure and companion flyer entitled "PSSST! Wanna Buy Your Name?" were mailed to genealogical societies and libraries. Societies were asked to reprint the cartoon and brochure text in their newsletters. Librarians were asked to post the flyer on their bulletin boards. As a result, many people wrote to NGS and its Ethics Committee about the solicitation materials they had received from Halbert's, and others wrote directly to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

On 21 November 1995, the Postal Service issued a supplemental cease and desist order prohibiting Halbert's from further use of certain misleading marketing practices, which included a consent agreement signed by Halbert's. Previous cease and desist orders issued against Halbert's in 1985 and 1988 remain in effect.

The supplemental order issued in November 1995 includes the following provisions:

Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from falsely representing "that (1) a solicitation for a surname-related product was sent by a relative of the solicitee; (2) a relative of a solicitee was involved in preparing a surname-related publication; or that (3) a relative of a solicitee endorses a surname-related product." The Postal Service contended that the company's solicitations, which advertised books such as "The World Book of [surname]" and "The [surname] Since the Civil War," violated the 1988 consent agreement, because they appeared to be letters from relatives of the addressees urging them to purchase a recently completed book on their family.

Halbert's was ordered to begin displaying prominently the following disclaimer on any advertising for surname-related publications: "No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended."

Halbert's was ordered to cease and desist from "representing, directly or indirectly, that advertising has been approved by the United States Postal Service."

The consent agreement entered into by Halbert's in November 1995 contains several other provisions. Halbert's may submit proposed advertising to the USPS General Counsel not more than three times per calendar year to obtain an opinion on whether the advertising violates cease and desist orders. Halbert's must pay \$2,000 for each submission to defray investigative, administrative, and legal costs incurred by the Postal Service.

For a period of one year from the date of execution of the consent agreement, Halbert's must, "within ten (10) days after written request therefor, pay full and unconditional double cash refunds, including postage, handling, and deposits, to all consumers who have previously re-

quested in writing to [Halbert's], and not received within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the written request therefor, refunds in connection with any and all surname-related solicitations in use prior to the date of [the consent agreement]." Halbert's must also accept and honor refund requests from the Better Business Bureau, the Postal Inspection Service, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and any other duly constituted governmental entity which has received complaints from consumers about its promotions.

Under the 1988 cease and desist order, the following conduct by Halbert's is prohibited:

Representing that a book is principally about a particular family name and the history of this family name

Representing that a book contains information about someone's forebears and their emigration from Europe

Representing that a book contains information about the heraldry and family crest of a particular family

Representing that a book explains how a particular family got its surname

Representing that a book explains why someone's forebears immigrated to the New World (the United States, Canada, and Australia)

Representing that a book explains why persons with a particular surname immigrated to the New World

Representing that a book is the result of research through numerous sources by themselves, or someone acting in their behalf, to compile information on persons with the addressee's surname who immigrated to the New World

The NGS/FGS Consumer Protection Committee (formerly the Ethics Committee) is chaired by Helen Hinchliff.

*Have you been  
solicited for a  
"surname"  
product?  
Read this  
article*

◆  
*This is one  
article of many  
in this issue  
which address  
the marketing  
of "surname"  
products*

◆  
*You have every  
right to return  
these items  
for a full  
refund*



# Henderson Roots & Twigs

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot

Dear Cousins:

Over the last several months, I've received genealogies from several new Clan members in which the founder is given as "Thomas Henderson who arrived at Jamestown in 1607." For "proof" they cite two or three oft-quoted secondary sources, including DAR records based on those same sources. The 1607 Thomas Henderson has become a fine old Henderson tradition; however, absent proof, he is just a fine old myth.

I cite this case simply as a good example of why we must be quite wary of using secondary (i.e., undocumented) sources to "prove" ancestry. There are several such hypothetical early Hendersons that I find in my mail with regularity. But it's much better in genealogy to have a shorter lineage that is correct than a fine long one that is wrong!

Back in the August 1990 issue of *An Canach*, our Clansman Jim Henderson III of Norfolk wrote about that Jamestown Henderson. Jim was an outstanding genealogist and historian of early Virginia. Here is what he had to say:

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Imaginary ancestors do not have real descendants. That truism has not, however, stopped any number of researchers of Henderson genealogy from embracing the story of an ancestral Thomas Henderson who is said to have arrived in April 1607, or soon thereafter, with the earliest settlers of Virginia. That no documented fact exists to support the myth has in no way discouraged belief in the yarn. It has crept into standard research works, informal family histories, and the records of such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution....

They have this Thomas Henderson coming from Dumfries, Scotland, which, if he existed, would be

altogether possible. He arrived at Jamestown Island, then moved to places called Yellow Spring and Blue Spring, then to Williamsburg and later to Albemarle County. A son or grandson, Richard Henderson married a daughter Mary of Ensign Washer....

Now to sort out that jumble a bit. No early gazetteer shows Blue Spring or Yellow Spring on or near Jamestown Island. Although Middle Plantation was established at the site in 1633, Williamsburg as such was not founded until 1699; and Albemarle not until 1744, which would have made Thomas Henderson of 1607 extraordinarily long-lived.

Ensign Washer (the "Ensign" is a military rank, not a name; his first name is not recorded) indeed was a member of the House of Burgesses. He attended the Burgesses in 1619 and was mentioned in the annals of the Virginia Company.... Ensign Washer vanished from the Virginia records after 1619, and the name never recurred in colonial records. (There were and are Wash families, however, including Washes who settled near Hendersons in Hanover County in the first third of the 18th century.)

Where both Hendersons and Washers fail is in what amounted to censuses conducted by the Virginia Company. The first was taken in 1624, and recorded both the living ... and those who died in a 1622 Indian uprising and a 1623 epidemic. No Hendersons or Washers were named. A 1625 muster of fighting men, those between the ages of 16 and 60, again omitted Hendersons and Washers. In fact, the Virginia records, running from 1605 until the Crown took over the colony in 1624, mention no Henderson as share holder, employee, sailor, soldier or settler.

The first Hendersons of record in Virginia were Alexander on the Rappahannock River in 1648 and Gilbert on the Eastern Shore in 1650. A William was on the Mattaponi River in present King and Queen County no later than 1661, while a James with wife Christian was nearby on the Pamunkey Neck, in present King William County, by 1667. Gilbert and his descendants have a provable lineage down to this day, but gaps in the records make inferences from the existence of William and James risky at best....

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Jim Henderson is no longer with us, and his knowledge and insight on early Hendersons is sorely missed. It was he who alerted us to the documentary problems with our Jamestown Henderson and with other similar cases. Now among the goals of our Clan Henderson genealogical work is to ferret these out, correct them as best we can, discover the documented truth, and alert our Clansmen about these rootless family trees.

The message to you is, be alert! Question your sources (and be sure to include them in your genealogies)! And remember: Imaginary ancestors do not have real descendants!

Yours aye,

*Horace*



MacStork

Caroline Henderson Bousman arrived on 30 April 1996 to join brother Robert. Proud parents are Clan members DeAnna and Bobby Bousman and grandparents (Chaplain) Doug and Bonnie Henderson, all of North Carolina.

New bairn Sierra Renie Steger, granddaughter of Elizabeth and Ronald Steger, daughter of Ronald and Gina Steger was born 25 February 1996 in Prince William County, Virginia.

*Imaginary  
ancestors do  
not have real  
descendants!*



## Our Thanks for Your Donations

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**G**ayle Moss, a 12-year-old member of the Society in Scotland would like to be your penpal. She likes Boyzone, Oasis, Tennis, Football, and Shopping. Her dislikes include doing housework and Take That.

I am sure there is some common ground there which might lead you to enjoy writing to Gayle on the Isle of Skye.

Gayle Moss

Ann Seann Taigh, Glen Eynort  
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Scotland

# PenPal Wanted



## Order Form for Your Clan Henderson Name Badge

Please submit your order to:  
George C. Henderson  
Clan Henderson Society  
6367 Platt Springs Road  
Lexington, SC 29073

Please use this name on the badge: \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional names: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

My Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 times the number of badges requested.  
My choice of background color: ☐ White ☐ Gray (Black Letters only)  
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The price increase for  
badges is to cover the  
cost of  
individual shipments so  
you will not have to wait  
the two to three months we  
were experiencing

# A Tragedy - A Downright Tragedy!

by Rex and Pat Maddox



Rex and Pat Maddox between restaurants. Rex is the Head of the Bodyguard and Pat supports our Clan Henderson mission for COSCA (see sign behind them).

## Restaurants along the Games Route

A recent article written for An Canach, referring to some of the best restaurants we have come across in our travels, was only the beginning in a long list of wonderful places to eat. You will recall that article sent you to wonderful eateries in Danville, Virginia (Stratford Inn); Frostburg, Maryland (Au Petit Paris); Beckley, West Virginia (Char); Altoona, Pennsylvania (Allegro) and Concordia, Kansas (Bobbie and Dot's). There are, of course, many other towns with excellent restaurants and some of these are located in close proximity to the sites where Highland Games are held.

Among the best Games held in Canada, Fergus, Ontario, must certainly rate at the top of the Canadian list. It's an excellent Games with an emphasis on Pipe and Military bands, although athletics, dancing, entertainment and the other competitive activities are well represented. If memory serves me correctly, last year's Fergus Games had seventeen

non-competitive bands, of which three pipe bands were Grade One. Two Grade One pipe bands had entered competition along with three Grade Two and seven Grade Three. I had never heard pipe music like that except on the cassettes I have from premier bands. In the Highland Dancing competition there were three hundred twenty-one competitors in twenty-two categories!

Category One restaurants also abound in the area - one which we patronized twice in order to try something different from the menu after an absolutely wonderful first meal, was the Lonesome Dove in Elora. First inclination would be to assume (from the name) that the food to be found in this restaurant would probably be Mexican or at least American Southwest Hispanic. Not to be! A wonderful menu including several selections from each of the main entree areas—fish, fowl and meats—with each presented in a most delectable style. Pork loin, chicken breast a la orange, local trout, all were prepared in an excellent manner. A nice wine list of mostly imported bottles offered some good French and German selections. This is a “don't miss” place to enjoy an evening of eating and should be on everyone's dinner list during next year's Fergus Games and the Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting.

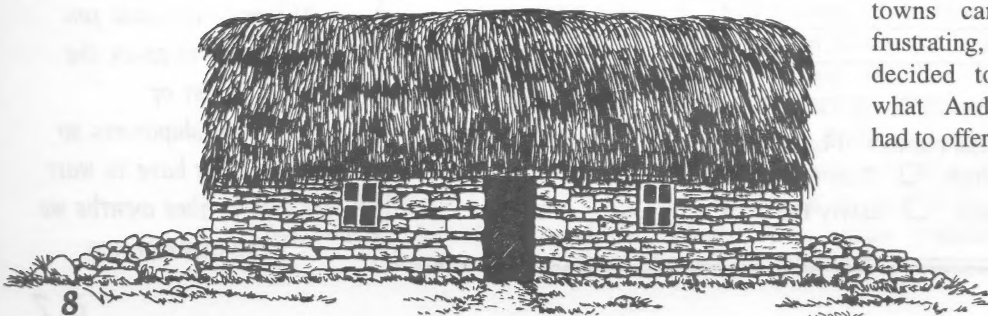
Coming North from the Culloden Games this year, we had projected a visit to the “Old 96 District” of South Carolina to do some genealogical research. Finding suitable accommodations in some of those small

South Carolina towns can be frustrating, so we decided to see what Anderson had to offer.

It was the Evergreen Inn! A \$45-65 a night B&B where our room was in the “library” and included a dressing area, pantry, large bath, color TV, queen bed and large sitting area. Should not be missed, this Victorian mansion with seven bedrooms, lovely main hall, sitting room with piano and side bar where evening libations are served, and, best of all - next door is the 1109 South Main Street Inn! This excellent eating establishment is another Victorian mansion, owned by the same couple who run the Evergreen. Peter Ryter, Swiss born and trained as a Chef de Cordon Bleu, is the master of the kitchen while his lovely wife, Myrna (a Californian) manages the dining rooms (five) and the Evergreen Inn. Their last effort at hotel management was in Maureia, a South Pacific island, where they had twenty palm frond huts on the beach and a small hotel where Peter worked his marvels de cuisiniere. You will find no kitchen in the area that turns out Epicurean delights such as those Peter produces. His Mahi Mahi is outstanding and loin of pork absolutely delectable. Salads are delightful and full of surprises. You definitely should not miss this outstanding combination!

Oh, yes, “the tragedy”. We enjoy finding new and interesting places to eat while we're at the Games locations and have discovered an Epicurean delight in the Banner Elk, North Carolina area, near Linville, home of the Grandfather Mountain Games. We must confess to enjoying an outstanding prime rib or ribeye steak at the Stonewall at Banner Elk and even some good barbecue at the Woodlands Barbecue restaurant in Blowing Rock. An absolute ‘must’ during the past four years of our attendance at these games has been a small Swiss restaurant located between Sugar Mountain Ski Resort/Golf Club and Banner Elk called

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# Youth Activities

by Deanna E. Weymuth  
dew@sound.net

I have previously said that I would try to put a video together for the AGM showing all of our performers dancing or singing or piping or running or tossing or whatever.

It has now come to the time when I need your video tapes, so I can put them all into our special Youth Performers Tape.

I know everyone has found my address on page 23, but I thought if I

made it a wee bit easier, I'd get some of the materials you were waiting to send me.

Deanna Weymuth  
3700 N.W. 60 Terrace  
Kansas City, MO 64151

Please contact me with your video or even pictures. In fact, call me at (816) 741-6776 to let me know what you are sending.

Please advise me on all youth activities. We know our young folks are piping and dancing and attending games!

Please let us know what kids games your kids have entered  
And always send photos!  
Thanks, so much.

*Deanna*

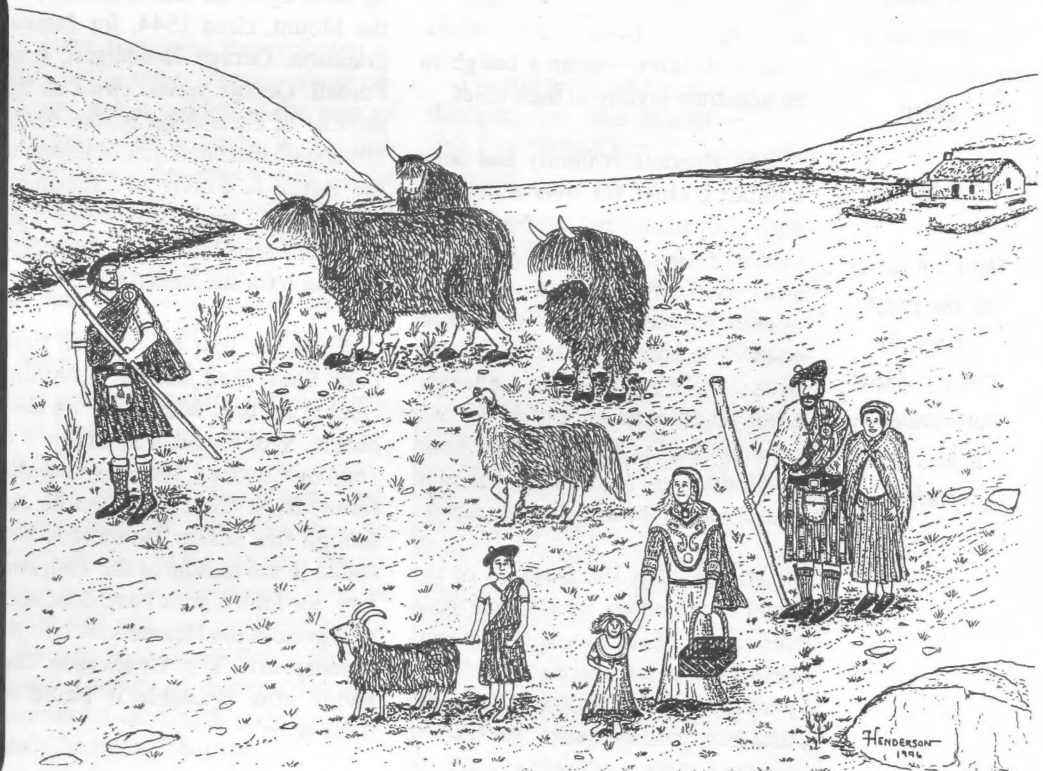
## Who am I and

## Where did I come from?

by Kitt Weymuth

Many children want to know who they are and where their family came from. They may be from hither, thither or yon. Or they may be from the hills of bonny Scotland. They may not have come from Scotland yesterday, maybe it was 25, 50, 100, or even 200 plus years ago. How do we tell our own children about the past, how do we tell everyone the same thing? We often use stories to tell about the past.

There are many stories about Scotland. (Two just became movies last year) Some were first told thousands of years ago and others were first told today. Telling the story of our own homelands help to keep the history and heritage alive.



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## Tragedy from page 8

Heidi's. We always call ahead and make our reservations for dinner as their Saturday and Sunday evening crowds are legendary. This year, when I called and Walter answered the phone, I told him who I was and asked if reservations for five could be made. His answer, without any hesitation, was "No." I was dumbfounded and startled and asked him

if they had already been fully reserved for those evenings. His answer was "No, no reservations, Heidi and I have retired". What could I say? I told him how nice it was that they had been able to make their decision, at long last and how much we would miss having any of the wonderful meals we had taken

with them. It will prove a difficult and perplexing time to find an equal to the outstanding fondue (chocolate and regular) that we have enjoyed there and the schnitzel - aaah, the schnitzel. Definitely a tragedy for us.

Congratulations, Walter. Congratulations, Heidi. Such great times. We'll miss you!

# Honor the Chief—Do it Right

by Russ Henderson

*members  
of the extended  
family or clann  
wear a badge to  
demonstrate  
loyalty to their  
Chief*



*The clan badge  
is the crest  
from the  
Chief's Arms  
surrounded by  
a belt and  
buckle*

When the British monarch ennobles a loyal subject, a patent of arms is issued. The patent outlines the genealogy, the honor bestowed, and a description of the arms. These arms are the personal heraldry of the individual to whom they are presented. In Scotland, when the Lord Lyon—the crown authority on heraldry for Scotland—records the patent for a knight who is also a chief, he is establishing the head of a family. The members of that extended family or clann—a term derived from Gaelic which means children—wear a badge to demonstrate loyalty to their chief.

The Henderson family had been without a chief for over a century and merchants made their own choice of the clan badge. Although a chief was recognized ten years ago, none of the merchants have made an effort to modernize their Henderson products. It is time for a change. Clan Henderson should honor the present Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson by wearing the clan badge which incorporates his arms.

Historically, the children of the chief's immediate family may use a version of his arms—with his arms being considered the pure arms. The pure arms will be used in turn by the first-born child of each generation. Under a system of cadency, a term derived from the word cadet, which means the younger son, there is a disciplined ranking of designs. Each younger sibling's arms will have a slight difference. When a first-born child dies, the second child inherits the title and estate, and uses the differenced arms as the new chief.

The original patent of arms was granted in 1511 to James Henderson, Lord Justice Clerk of Scotland, who had raised the lands of Fordel as a barony. (Fordel is now written as Fordell.) James and his eldest son

were killed in battle at Flodden on 9 September 1513. Flodden was the last battle fought by feudal armies, so the original purpose for heraldry passed into history on a Scottish battlefield. Thereafter, arms represented gentility and status which the emerging merchant class, to which the Hendersons of Fordel belonged, recognized.

The Ensigns Armorial for Henderson of Fordell were recorded first by Lord Lyon Sir David Lindsay of the Mount, circa 1544, for James' grandson, George Henderson, II of Fordell. George served twice as the provost of Edinburgh before being killed with his eldest son, William, at the Battle of Pinkie in September 1547. He was succeeded by William's son, James, III of Fordell. His son John succeeded him.

Since the first patent, two first-born sons died before becoming chief of the line. When Sir John Henderson, V of Fordel was knighted in 1664 by Charles I, his arms were different from the 1511 version. Although this senior Henderson line ended in the middle of the 19th century, Sir John's arms have continued to represent the Hendersons into the modern era. The Henderson clan badge now available is based on these arms.



Sir John's son, John, was created the first baronet by Letters Patent of

Charles II. The current chief traces his lineage back to James, the second son of the first baronet. The chief's ancestors were farmers who eventually emigrated to Australia, while the Hendersons of Fordel continued to hold their lands and position in Scotland.

The baronetcy became extinct with the death of Sir Robert Bruce Henderson of Fordell on 12 August 1833. The status as chief continued through female members until a marriage with George Mercer who took the name Mercer-Henderson. Although the arms became a part of the Mercer-Henderson arms, the Lord Lyon never recognized a member of this family as Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson and the title became dormant.

On 27 May 1985 in a patent of arms, the Lord Lyon officially recognized "Dr. John William Philp Henderson of Fordell as the Representor of the Baronial House of Henderson of Fordell, Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson and matriculated his ensigns armorial as follows: Parted per pale dancettee Or and Sable, on a chief Argent a crescent Azure between two Ermine spots. Above the Shield is placed a chapeau Azure furred Ermine (as Representor of the Baronial House of Henderson of Fordell) and thereon an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Sable doubled Or and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a cubit arm Proper the hand holding an estoile Or and surmounted by a crescent Azure, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto 'Sola Virtus Nobilitat', and on a Compartment below the Shield are set for Supporters two mertrixes Ermine."

After more than a century, Clan Henderson had a chief. He commissioned groups in several countries to form societies for the purpose of



raising the clan. Membership has grown steadily since the gathering began in July 1988. To show clan membership Hendersons wear a clan badge—the chief's crest enclosed in a belt and buckle.

If clan members had not spent time researching the Henderson arms, it is possible that the issue of wearing a different clan badge would never have been considered. The 1664 version of the Henderson arms are the historical arms. Since that time, other gentlemen have been matriculated with Henderson arms and, while many are differenced versions of the original family arms, some are not. The description of Dr. John's arms on his patent resemble the Mercer-Henderson version and are the arms from which the clan badge should be drawn.

The case for change has been made, but there are other considerations.

The arms etched in stone on the castle at Fordell are the historical version. Together the castle and the stone arms are a strong rallying point for Hendersons worldwide. Unfortunately, this restored castle is no longer Henderson property.

During the resurgence of interest in things Scottish in the early part of this century, genealogists, family heritage businesses, and merchants have selected the historical arms for their products. Since there was no chief and no clan organization to object, the merchants were free to use any version—the historical version probably didn't require approval and was their choice.

The manufacturers of Scottish memorabilia and the merchants who sell the articles are well-stocked. Active clan members have a major investment in jewelry as well, including Dr. John who has a one-of-a-kind clan badge with three feathers done in sterling silver.



Another consideration is the chief's age and whether the arms will remain the same when the Young Fordell becomes chief.

After reviewing the evolution of the chief's arms, learning about cadency, and considering the cost of change, what remains is whether wearing another man's crest is the appropriate way to honor Dr. John Henderson of Fordell, the present Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson. The thesis remains the same because none of the alternatives change the protocol for clan members to wear the chief's crest as their clan badge.

The story continues because several companies are in business to make money on the unwary. We are well aware of businesses (one in Ohio and one in Colorado) which take telephone directories or the National Change of Address list kept current by the USPS, and mass produce "surname" books.

They, and many other organizations, also produce a variety of "Henderson" memorabilia such as arms and crests. Halbert's most recent mailing to those of us with a Henderson surname is for their classic plaque. The previous *World Book of Hendersons* was built lovingly around our friend Thomas Henderson (see page 6.) and the mailing included the arms of Henderson of St. Laurence, Scotland, which were granted in 1607. His crest was a wheel and his motto was, "Sic

caduncta caduca." Incidentally St. Laurence isn't an estate, it is a townhouse.

I am asking the Clan for a response on this issue,

Should we do it correctly, and wear the crest which honors our real and current Chief?

Or, should we continue to accept whatever the business community says is good enough for us?

This is not an idle survey. I know that many, if not most, of you have bought the Henderson story in one form or another and have a Henderson Arms somewhere about the House.

I would really like to receive your thoughts on this matter—"Yes," "No," or "Who Cares?" Please use a postcard.

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*A subject for  
all Hendersons  
to consider*

# Excerpts from a Scottish Journey

by Lee & Dottie Henderson

Our trip to Scotland began when we started dreaming and planning in October, 1995. The trip took place from 3 May 1996 through 12 May 1996.

We hope these excerpts from our trip journal will help the reader to share a part of it. We selected the days which involved our time in Glencoe and Fordell Castle as that is the part that will probably interest most of the Clan.

We chose to set our own itinerary and put almost one thousand miles on our rental car. We stopped at Bed and Breakfast's (B&B's), using the Country Rover program which we learned about from Jeff Henderson (see his article in *An Canach*, Fall 1995).

We also took the advice that Jeff had gotten from Claude Henderson and joined the National Trust for Scotland. This membership allows free access to any property under the trust's care, including those in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We found it worthwhile (£40 for a one year family membership) and felt we were helping to preserve some of the places that are important to our heritage.

It was a wonderful trip and we promised ourselves to return someday soon.

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## 14 October 1995

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We convened the Clan Henderson Tent at the Anne Arundel Highland Games. As always we bought tickets and at the end of the games they draw the winning ticket from the fund raising raffle for two round trip tickets to Scotland, courtesy of British Airways. When they announced the winner. . . it was Dottie! I was stunned and then began jumping up and down with glee. I ran to the stage to accept the voucher, still not quite believing I, she, us, WE had won. (Dottie says it was a tough decision, but she decided to let Lee

have the second ticket.)

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## 7 May 1996

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We spent the night at Mansefield Guest House in Fort William. On our host's advice we travelled north to Glenfinnan, the place where Bonnie Prince Charlie, having traveled from France, was met with his Jacobite supporters and began forming his Army in 1745. It was from there that they successfully marched south to Derby within 100 miles of London. How history would have been changed had he pushed onward! The monument to his landing is under the National Trust in a lovely glen. We climbed up a narrow (barely a person's width) circular stairway to the top of the monument (about 50 feet high with only a rope for a railing).

We left Glenfinnan in a drizzling rain, typical spring weather in the Highlands, and headed back through Fort William on our way to Glencoe. Arriving in Glencoe, we left the car in the carpark and looked down the glen. It is beautiful and eerie at the same time. The glen seems to go on forever.

In the Historic Trust's building, we watched the video presentation of the Glencoe Massacre of 13 February 1692, in which the new British King's Scottish minions determined that Iain MacDonald and his clan would be slain as an example to any Highlanders with notions of not responding to British authority at the proper time and place.

Although the Hendersons are not mentioned in the presentation, from Clan Henderson history we know that some must have been at Glencoe as they were the bodyguards and pipers of the MacDonalds. (We discovered later, when we met James Henderson-Laird, that we missed seeing Signal Rock and the cottage where Campbell of Glen Lyon, the commander of the government raiding

party, stayed the night before the massacre. We were too anxious to find the Henderson Stone.)

We drove back to the village of Glencoe. Our directions and landmarks were hazy, so we stopped at a small hotel and asked if they knew where the Henderson Stone was. The young lady behind the counter looked as if we asked where the Washington Monument is, but the cook was passing and he told us that we had passed it about 300 yards back toward the glen on the left hand side of the road—it seems that it is only in the last two years or so that anyone has been interested in the stone. [Clan Henderson has been talking with Duncan McKillop, crofter, since 1990; the local school children wrote the story of the stone on it during the period of the 300th Anniversary of the Massacre; last summer the UK Society raised the stone and fenced it] Well, we ended up at McKenzie's Restaurant and Gift Shop to ask for help. We had passed the stone and were directed back. This time we spotted a set of green steps going into an empty field. We stopped and saw in the field a large stone—*Clach MacEanruig*, the Henderson Stone. A small sign told us that this is it indeed. There is writing on the stone, which is difficult to read, but we can tell it is a request to "let us not forget those who died in this massacre in this [13th day of] February 1692." We took pictures from all angles and decided to write directions for finding the stone for future clan visitors.

We stopped at the museum in the village, but found it would be closed until mid-May. We also found no one at the kirk.

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## 9 May 1996

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We toured Falkland Palace, originally a medieval castle, which grew into a renaissance castle as it transitioned between James II,

Henderson  
Stone  
Location

From National  
Trust Center  
at Glencoe,  
go 2.3 miles  
north on A82  
towards village  
of Glencoe.  
Park at the  
McKenzie  
Restaurant on  
right and walk  
to the green  
railing and  
steps on right  
which go into  
field where the  
stone lays.



James IV and James V (father of Mary, Queen of Scots).

From the Burgh of Falkland, we phoned Dr. William Ingles, now the owner of Fordell Castle. We spoke to Dr. Lorraine Ingles, his wife, who was in the village of Crossgates, and she gave us permission to visit the castle. She said she would phone the castle where Dr. Ingles was overseeing restoration.

We arrived at Fordell Castle and our first impressions were of the beauty of the entrance gates and four acres of gardens in full bloom, complete with ponds, fountains, and statues. We were told the castle was in a state of construction disarray. It was! Nonetheless, Dr. Ingles (a retired veterinarian, who insisted we call him Bill) not only let us tour the inside of the castle, but also provided us with Brian, the young man who is the caretaker, to take us around.

Dr. Ingles (Bill) told us that his goal is to restore the castle as close to original as possible while still having conveniences to make it his home. The walls are being sandblasted to get back to the original stone walls and the wood flooring is being pulled up to reveal the slate floors beneath. Brian showed us the Henderson crest above the fireplace and on a headboard in one of the bedrooms.

He took us up a narrow circular stairway to the rooftop and a small lookout area about fifty feet above ground level. We stood precariously as we looked down on the gargoyle perched above the door that we had failed to notice before in our eagerness to go inside the castle. Brian pointed out the slate shingles are held by wooden pegs. The wooden rafters underneath them are dry rotted and many of the shingles are falling off another; a major undertaking in the renovation.

We looked outward and we could see all the way across the Firth of Forth River to Edinburgh. Looking

down, the view of the gardens showed the beauty of the landscaping plan. There is a cedar tree that is said to have been planted from a seedling brought back from the holy lands during the crusades over seven hundred years ago. {Referred to as the great Cedar of Fordell in earlier An Canach.}

Dr. Ingles gave us the keys to the castle kirk. We noticed the Henderson crest above the carved door and went inside. There are memorial plaques for several Hendersons who are buried in the crypt beneath the kirk. They date back to before the 1600s. Outside we went down the crypt stairs, but there were no working lights, so we chose not to go inside. We did notice that Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, the previous owner, is buried there.

Dr. Ingles invited us into the kitchen for a cuppa'. He told us that his present home is nearby and that he has wanted to buy the castle for several years, but that Fairbairn, who then owned and lived in the castle, was never interested in selling. After his death last year, Lady Fairbairn sold Fordell to the Ingles.

A few years ago, Dr. Ingles bought another castle in the north, which he restored and then sold. He told us that Fordell castle was originally built in the thirteenth century and about the progress of the renovations and what he is trying to do to restore the castle. It sounded like the job is much more difficult than he had anticipated.

We wished him good luck with his project and thanked him for his hospitality and willingness to let us tour the castle on such short notice. We asked him about future Henderson visitors to the castle and how they should go about making arrangements to see it. He expressed a warm welcome, but he would like advance notice, at least two to three weeks as he often travels and needs time to reply to requests. We took our leave from Fordell Castle with

two rolls of film showing the castle and grounds from every angle.

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### 11 May 1996

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We were ending our last day in Edinburgh and had made contact with James Henderson-Laird, of Clan Henderson, UK. We were invited to their home in Dunbar, about 22 miles from where we were staying. We arrived at their home and were treated to a wonderful tea and a most informative visit.

James told us that Clan Henderson UK built the stairway to the Henderson Stone and that the owner of the field where the stone lays, Mr. MacKillop is a member of Clan Henderson and most willing to let the Clan visit the stone. The Clan is selling small milestones as a fundraiser to help with the costs of keeping the stone accessible and marked for identification. He gave us a most informative article about the stone and the Henderson involvement in Glencoe. He told us details about the sale of Fordell Castle and we all dreamed a bit of the Hendersons once more owning it.

June, our gracious hostess, was a race car driver and the winner of several prizes, but now she only participates as a supporter and spectator with plans to go to a race the next day. We left the Henderson-Laird's home feeling full of Henderson history and June's great scones.

*Lee & Dottie Henderson*

I asked Lee and Dottie to make their visits while in the Edinburgh area. At the same time I contacted James to tell him of the travel.

It is important for every Clan member to understand that Fordell Castle, while it has a bit of Henderson History, is neither Henderson property, nor is it a National Trust property, nor is it open to the general public.

**Fordell Castle is private property!**

**The current owners are willing to receive Henderson visitors under some conditions. Please go back to page 2 and review them.**

**Russ Henderson, President**

# Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



Honorary Member John Springs Henderson with Chieftain Claude Henderson at the Loch Norman Games.

## **Southeastern Region**

### **Annual Henderson Family Reunion**

by Cary F. Henderson

**T**he Annual Henderson Family Reunion was held at Emerson Park, Waycross, Georgia on 16 October 1995. There were more than sixty family members at the gathering. The reunion was called to order, followed by the singing of "Amazing Grace." The 23rd Psalm was



Have you ever seen such a good looking group of Hendersons as these unidentified souls at Loch Norman? Lara Lenoir submitted the picture.

read by our appointed family minister. The family roll was called. Gifts were presented to the farthest traveled family member and the youngest family member.

Our oldest family member was Aunt Mattie Henderson Paul, who is 93 years old. Her memory and mind is clear as a young child's, but her heart is failing unfortunately.

As a fund raiser, we conducted an auction of many items, some were hand crafted by family members. All money received through donations and auction will be used to help maintain and repair family gravesites.

Our newly-elected President is Ken Sylvester. Our elected secretary and treasurer is Pat Sylvester.

Next year's reunion will be the 3rd Sunday in October, as usual. Ken Sylvester, who is compiling the family genealogy (2400+ names), is planning a genealogical research day on the day prior to the reunion. Ken Sylvester can be reached at 912-285-2585 or by mailing to Walter K Sylvester, 1680 Smith Rd., Waycross, Georgia 31501.

Though we did not have a Convenors Handbook, we did discuss family genealogy, as well as a brief background on Scottish history and Clan Henderson history. Traditional Scottish athletic events and weaponry was discussed.

### **Loch Norman Highland Games**

by Mack Henderson, III

**T**he activities associated with the Loch Norman Highland Games began at the reception and Call of the Clans on Friday night, 19 April 1996, at Rural Hill Plantation, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Rural Hill lies along the banks of the Catawba River. L.D. Bass gave an inspiring answer to the Call of the Clans, detailing the beginnings of our clan, tracing its history

and including our years in the Catawba River Valley.

We had a fine day for the games on Saturday. As always, Southeast Regional Commissioner, George Henderson did a great job of preparing our tent for the day's activities. Our local contingent was honored by the attendance of Chieftain Claude Henderson and wife Ann; along with Clan Genealogist, Horace Loftin; Head of the Body Guard, Rex Maddox and wife Pat; and Vice President, Dan Henderson and family.

For our Saturday walk-about, we were able to enlist two pipers with the Oconechee Highlanders Scout Troop from Raleigh, NC. Meg Ranson, granddaughter of Bill Ranson, who was remembered in the Flowers of the Forest in the last issue of *An Canach*, continued her grandfather's participation in Clan Henderson by hefting a tartan banner during the walkabout. Horace did an excellent job of working the crowd at our clan tent and signing up new Henderson members. Saturday we increased our ranks by nine new members, two renewals, and one Honorary Membership.

The Honorary Membership was presented by George Henderson to John Springs Davidson, on whose former farm the Loch Norman Games are held. John Springs Davidson's family and the Hendersons have been neighbors, friends and have intermarried going back almost 250 years. John Springs, now in his late 80's, told how as a little boy he helped transport a mare across the Catawba River on a ferry to the Henderson homeplace at River Bend for breeding. I don't know how many other stories he told as he stood in front of the grandstand for several hours talking to passersby. There seemed to be a crowd of people, relatives and friends, patiently waiting their turn to speak with John Springs. I noticed that if



he recognized you as a relative, he would take and hold your hand as he spoke with you. John Springs said, "I'm having the time of my life!"

Sunday dawned damp, having rained the night before. The grounds were a mudbath, very suitable for Scottish Games.

At the end of the Church Service (see front page photo), Rex Redmon presented the Henderson Tartan at the Kirking. There were about thirty of the eighty games clans at the Kirking. After the Kirking, Rex represented Clan Henderson as the 78th Fraser Highlanders, forming an Honor Guard, escorted the clans' tartan bearers back to the competition field.

We soon found ourselves lining up for the Parade of Tartans. We had about fourteen participants as the weather continued to appear threatening. Pat Maddox led us carrying the Henderson shield and Dee Henderson carried Claude's pinsel. We were unable to enlist any new Hendersons in the afternoon. Apparently most of the attendees were members of other clans. Phil Diaz, with Clan McNeil, piped for our afternoon walk-about. Phil had piped for us the year before, so this year we paid the piper with a bottle of Glenlivet. As the afternoon wound down, clan members gradually melted away, and the Loch Norman Games came to a close.

By the way, if George Henderson is coming to a gathering in your area, you must insist that he bring Mary. She makes the most delicious cake-like bread you have ever tasted.

So now we await our next gathering in North Carolina at Grandfather Mountain in July. Hope to see you all there.

## Far South Region

### Houston, Texas Highland Games 11 May 1996

by Joe Henderson

H.L. "Shorty" Henderson, my wife Jan, and I represented Clan Henderson at the Houston Highland Games on 11 May 1996. Bill Shuffler, who would normally have been there with Shorty, was on vacation with his lovely wife Cassie, and asked me to fill in. It was my first Highland Games experience, and Shorty had his hands full keeping things on an even keel. Needless to say, we had quite a time!

Shorty and I were the only two Hendersons to march in the opening ceremonies, although we did have several people with Henderson roots visit our area. We had approximately 20 people sign our register.

The location for the games was ideal. The clan and concession area was covered (a rodeo arena), which was nice when we were visited by a thunderstorm late in the day. There was an upscale Holiday Inn approximately two miles from the grounds, and they gave a very good rate to folks who were attending the games.

Houston should continue to get bigger and better each year. The people who made all the arrangements couldn't have been nicer, and they seem determined to have a good event each year.



"Hi, I'm Doris.  
I'm here to  
remind you  
about the  
Scottish  
Heritage Fair in  
Alexandria,  
Virginia on  
21 September.  
See you there!"

## Mid East Region

### Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games

by Lee & Dottie Henderson

The fairgrounds at Crownsville, Maryland, was the location for the Anne Arundel Scottish Highland Games held on 14 October 1995. Due to heavy rains in the morning, turnout was very light. Rex

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Claude proudly presenting Blake Joyner Lewis at the Henderson tent.





Jeff Henderson with cousin Joe Henderson and Shen and Chaing are at Scotchtown. (Joe's shirt was sent to him by his mother, Mary Henderson.)

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Maddox, and Lee and Dottie Henderson participated in the Parade of the Clans which had to be held under cover. Pat Maddox set up a table for COSCA in the Clan tent and this helped draw a few more people. We did sign up three new member families. The Annapolis Newspaper (*The Capital*) took a picture of Lee and Rex.

## Central Virginia Scottish Festival & Games at Scotchtown

By Jeff Henderson II, FSA Scot

The weather was a little warm as my cousin, Joe Henderson and I set up at Scotchtown on May 4th. It stayed warm and stayed clear. Nancy was ill, and said she would come later if she began to feel better. She was suffering from a "bug" she picked up



Joe, Jeff, Chieftain Claude and granddaughter, Melanie Markow along with Shen and Chaing at Dumfries.

in Mexico. She did not get better, so we missed having her with us.

"Scotchtown" is the colonial home of Patrick Henry. He was living there when he delivered his famous, "Give me liberty or give me death" speech at a nearby church before the American Revolution. He had 22 children, so he was probably glad to get out of the house.

The games went well, and the crowd was good. However, there did not seem to be as many people as the year before last when we were the honored clan. The festival and games were not held in 1995, so I think the gap hurt attendance.

Two families joined our Society. They are William and Genevieve Bush from Mechanicsville, Virginia, and Charles Thomas Linbeery from Lynchburg, Virginia. Rex and Pat Maddox were the other members of the Society present. They had a separate COSCA tent, and stayed very busy helping people identify their clans.

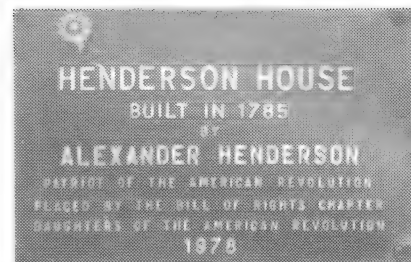
One of the vendors was very interesting. He is from England, and his trade is thatched roofs. He had pictures of ones he had done in England. He now makes his living constructing and selling bird houses with thatched roofs.

## Charter Day in Dumfries, Virginia

By Jeff Henderson II, FSA Scot

Our clan was invited to participate in the celebration of the charter of the city on 11 May 1996. The city is 247 years old, and is the oldest continuously chartered town in Virginia. The day was perfect. Nancy helped me set up the tent, and then left. I was joined by cousin Joe and Chieftain Claude with his granddaughter Melanie Markow.

The town was settled by Scots and named for Dumfries, Scotland. It was once a thriving seaport, and rivaled New York, Philadelphia and Boston. Several factors brought about its demise, including the siltation of the harbor, the Revolutionary War and the main export commodities changing from tobacco to wheat and sugar.



Plaque on the Henderson House. Alexander Henderson was the father of Archibald Henderson

A prominent family in the town was the Hendersons. The Henderson house is one of the three original buildings left in the town from colonial times. It was the childhood home of Archibald Henderson, who served as commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps for 39 years. He is credited by Marines as the person who saved the Corps when many wanted it to be a part of the Army or Navy. Henderson Hall Marine base is named in his honor, as was Henderson Field on Guadalcanal Island during World War II.

We set up our tent in Merchants Park. We were next to the Weems-Botts Museum, which is one of the three colonial buildings left in the town, and now is operated by Historic Dumfries, Virginia, Inc. The Museum was the home of Reverend Mason Locks Weems. He is remembered because he wrote the fable about George Washington cutting down his father's cherry tree.

We had many visitors at our tent, and explained Scotland to many. Shen and Chaing were also a big hit with the children.

[Shen and Chaing are the most well-know Henderson dogs in the MidEast—everyone enjoys their Highland dress and their active participation in the life of the tent.]



## South West Region

### South West Region News

Clan members in the South West Region have been busy.

Robert C. Hindman, Convenor for New Mexico, has been elected as a "Member-at-Large" to the Council of the St. Andrews Society of New Mexico. In that capacity he is responsible for supporting the council officers in the general administration of the Society and may be appointed to perform or participate in special functions or activities at the request of the chieftain or council.

Robert H. Henderson has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Caledonian Society of Greeley, Colorado, for a fourth term.

And in Clan news, Joseph H. McEldowney Jr., Convenor for Colorado, has been appointed Deputy for the South West Region.

### Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Games

#### Albuquerque, New Mexico

by Robert C. Hindman

Clan Henderson made its third appearance at the Eighth Annual Rio Grande Valley Celtic Festival and Games on May 25, 1996 held at the Menaul Presbyterian School.

The weather was windy with gusts to 50 mph, which, when mixed with some of the local sand provided a bit of a challenge. However, the ol' Enviroshade dining canopy barely took notice. Aside from the wind, the Games were well attended by 15 Clans and Societies. The Games of-

ficials indicated that overall attendance was up by 20%. This was an unexpected surprise in that the event was held on Memorial weekend.

Donnie MacDonald, otherwise known as "The Hebridean Troubadour," from the Isle of Lewis, returned for the second straight year to entertain everyone with songs of the West Highlands and Hebrides, as well as conduct classes in Gaelic.

As for the Clan Henderson tent, the Tartan Swatches and "Do You Have Scottish Roots" display was, as always, a smashing success. This year more than 80 individuals used the roots resource (double that of last year). Many positive comments were received to the effect of "It is wonderful that Clan Henderson provides this service." In fact, there were numerous occasions where people were referred to the tent by others who had looked up names. As usual many were happy to find that they may "have Scottish roots".

Local Clan Henderson member Diana Wing stopped by to visit and pay her membership dues. Diana provided some interesting information on the number of Henderson's in South Africa and unfortunately I did not get to have a lengthy discussion with her. However, I look forward to discussing this further with her in the near future.

Pauletta Gain and her husband stopped by to visit. They had traveled down from Golden, Colorado and are enthusiastically awaiting the Annual General Meeting in Estes Park this year.

One potential new family took an application and I hope to hear from them soon.

### Real Scottish Haggis

UK Chairman Joe Henderson is piping in the haggis for the UK Society's Burns Night Dinner. Can't you just smell that wonderful pudding?

I believe the event took place in or near Edinburgh.

## Canadian Region

### Avenue of the Clans

by Cairns Henderson

The Shiretown of Pictou, Nova Scotia has long been known in Canada as the birthplace of New Scotland (Latin - Nova Scotia).

It was in this harbour that the first shipload of the Scottish exodus arrived on board the ship Hector in 1773. This shipload, of course was followed by many hundreds of others, arriving at Pictou, Halifax, Cape Breton and Quebec.

The town of Pictou has embarked upon the creation of a waterfront, living heritage project, to honor the early Scots who passed through the port on their way to new homes all over North America. The project includes the construction of a replica of the Hector and a new harbourfront street, a portion of it named, The Avenue of the Clans. A number of Clan organizations in Canada have paid a \$1000.00 fee to have their Clan banner, printed on their tartan background, mounted on the utility poles along the length of the street. As well, the Clan is listed as a Heritage member on a plaque in the visitors center. A representative of Clan Cameron officially opened the Avenue.

For those readers who are on the internet, the Pictou homepage is located at <http://www.mfusion/kellock/pictou.html>.

### July 1 Canada Day

by Cairns Henderson

Originally known as Dominion Day, Canada Day commemorates the union of the Canadian provinces into a Confederation of Provinces in 1867. This union was brought about by Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. MacDonald, a Scottish immigrant whose ancestors fought at Culloden.

One of many many Canada Day festivals celebrated on July 1 is The Gathering of the Clans in Pugwash, Nova Scotia.



A well-prepared haggis surrounded by friendly Hendersons



# Glen Robbie

## A Faerie Tale

by Thomas Watson  
Guest writer from Clan Donald

In the Highlands of Scotland a legend is told of a wonderful undiscovered glen. It lies between the two shores of our country, but no one knows exactly where.

The bards of this tale call it Glen Robbie, and it is a magical place.

The grasses are extra green. The trees are the tallest in Scotland with the fullest branches and the strongest trunks. The lochs are a pure rich sapphire blue, so clear that you could see all the way to the bottom.

But the most wonderful thing about Glen Robbie is the wee folk who live there. They are the Highland Faeries.

Now Highland Faeries are a special group. They thrive on helping others. But alas, since no one knows where they are or how to get to Glen Robbie, the Faeries had become discouraged and sad.

It had been many years since anyone happened into the glen. The fairies needed to help some one.

A decision was made amongst the population, that ambassadors were to be sent out.

"To the border of the outer edge of our Glen, and no further," said the Elders. "If you find someone to help, use

your magic to lead them to our village!"

And so, the few who were chosen to find someone to help went off to complete their search.

They looked under every rock, around every moss clump, and into every peat bog as they went, but to no avail.

After many days of searching and terrible weather, the ambassadors returned home—all but one . . .

Kera was her name.



Kera had become tired and sickly from the weather and she took shelter underneath the lee of a tablestone.

Nighttime came and so did the night noises. The loneliness of being sick and hungry and tired made her very afraid. Many things in the night sky can take a fairy away from her loved ones. Especially a fairy who is all by herself.

Kera heard the owl hooting in the tree above her. She remained very still. The sound of grass rustling from a small

mouse made her shiver and she became more frightened.

Finally, the night became quiet and she was able to drift off to sleep.

Morning came and the sun kissed the dew on the blades of grass. Birds gathered their morning meal and Kera remained fast asleep.

Crunch, crunch, crunch! The sound was coming from off in the distance but it getting louder and it was getting closer.

Kera woke with a start. What was this sound and what was making it!

She rubbed the sleep from her eyes and stretched with a big yawn, and when she got a little more awake she couldn't believe what she saw.

*Could it be? What grand luck she thought!*

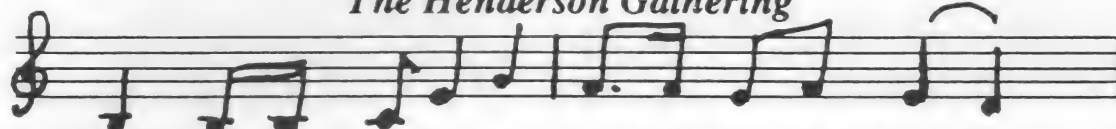


What do you think Kera saw?

Watch for part two of Glen Robbie in the next issue of An Canach.

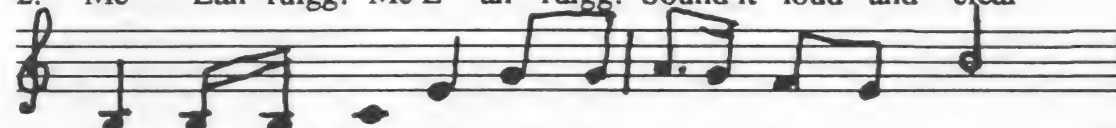


## The Henderson Gathering



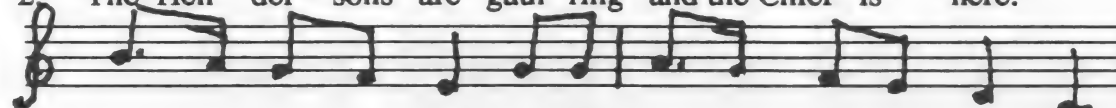
1. Come! Lis - ten to the pip - ers. Hear the High - land Cry!

2. Mc - Ean - ruigg! Mc E - an - ruigg! Sound it loud and clear



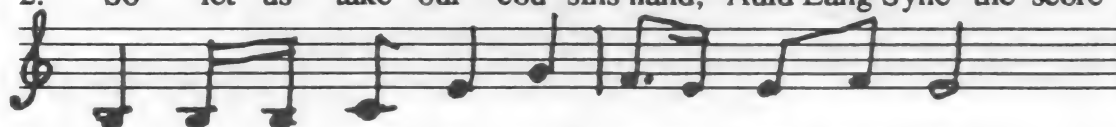
1. The Hen - der - sons are gath' ring as in days gone by!

2. The Hen - der - sons are gath' ring and the Chief is here!



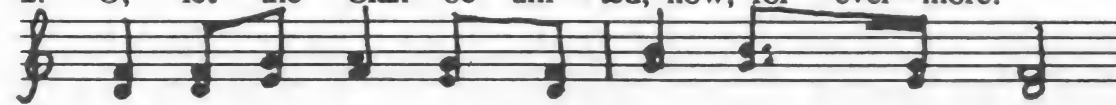
1. Across the sea, from Can - a - da, and from the U S A

2. So let us take our cou - sins hand, "Auld Lang Syne" the score



1. The Hen - der - sons are gath' ring, O Glor - ious Day!

2. O, let the Clan be uni - ted, now, for ever - more.



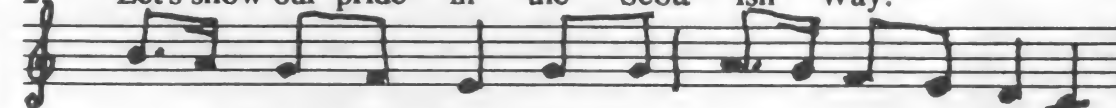
1. Our Fore - fath - ers sailed from Auld Sco - tia's Sweet Land!

2. O, give not our Fore fath - ers cause for Dis - may!



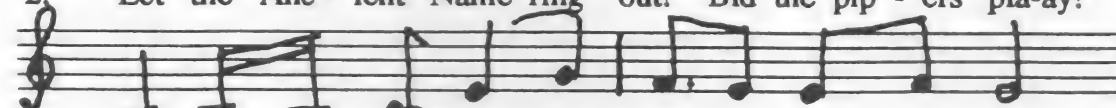
1. To leave us Fame and a Herit - age Grand!

2. Let's show our pride in the Scott - ish Way!



1. Let the Anc - ient Name ring out! Bid the pip - ers pla - ay!

2. Let the Anc - ient Name ring out! Bid the pip - ers pla - ay!



1. The Hen - der - sons are gath' ring! O, Glor - ious Day!

2. The Hen - der - sons are gath' ring! O, Glor - ious Day!



The  
Challenge  
to all  
Clan  
musicians  
is to make this  
tune a part of  
your reper -  
toire



Pipers should  
learn the music  
first, then ask  
your Pipe  
Major to  
include it in the  
band's music  
list



Also it is  
appropriate  
for this tune  
to be played  
during our  
Clan Walk -  
about

Music by Kyle Henderson

1991

Words by Neil Henderson



*My ports  
are charming!*

# The Harper

by Virginia Broussard

## The Scottish Lady and Her Port

The proverbial English gentleman with his port can be no happier than this Scottish lady with hers! My ports are charming! Moreover, even if I overindulge, I never suffer unpleasant consequences the following morn'.

Of all the musical forms in the Scottish repertoire — such as airs, dances, laments — only the port can be clearly identified as music specifically composed for the clarsach. Developed between 1550 to 1650, the classic port form is exclusively identified with Irish harpers serving in aristocratic Scottish households. Oddly enough, there is not a single port in the repertoire of Irish folk music.

The ports do not always appeal to twentieth century ears. In general they are less interesting melodically than other Celtic forms. They are comprised of two sections — one slow, one fast — which differ markedly in length. Listeners today prefer contrasting sections of roughly equal length.

The ports, like the planxties in Ireland, are frequently named for patrons. The Irish harper O'Carolan rarely stayed long at any one house; no one family or group of families predominates among his numerous patrons. The port titles, in contrast, reflect a circle of great Lowland families, interrelated by marriage, that supported harpers. This should be no surprise, given the time and place in which the port form arose. Traditional harping, which would last until almost 1800 in Ireland, had already sharply declined in Scotland. After the battle of Flodden (1513), only a few families had the wherewithal to support musicians, so it was only natural that musicians gravitated to their homes. Indeed, much of the Scottish aristocracy had lost position and lands. French and Italian minstrels supplanted the

harp's premier position at the Scottish court in response to the tastes of a monarchy increasingly influenced by the English court.

The ports exemplify the close cultural links between northeastern Ireland and northwestern Scotland. When the melodies were written, Scotland was scarcely a united country politically, not to mention culturally. Indeed it would have been more appropriate to have viewed the Highlands as a cultural colony of Ireland. Family ties were more likely to reach across the Irish Sea than to extend far inland. Celtic folk on the northern coasts that ringed the Irish Sea were united by music, dress, laws, and customs.

Many of the ports are credited to Rory Dall. It is unlikely that any one person wrote all of them. Too many titles apply to more than one port, and too many ports have more than one title. For example, at least two tunes bear the title "Port Atholl;" one of these is also known as "Port Ballangowne." Adding to the confusion of title and tune is the fact that there were two harpers named Rory Dall, both of whom played in Scottish households. They were not contemporaries, however.

The name Rory Dall attached to a tune does not imply that either Rory wrote or played it. More likely, it is an instance of the custom, then as now, of attaching a famous musician's name to a tune. Clearly the name Rory Dall was well known in Scotland for a period of over a hundred years. Similarly, the name of the greatest of the Irish harpers, Turlough O'Carolan, appears in some Scottish song tides that clearly are not his compositions. (O'Carolan's style is so distinctive that even a novice listener of Irish music can easily recognize his music.)

With so much interchange across the Irish Sea, one might expect ports were inspired by the numerous pic-

turesque harbors dotting the coast lines (or sailors' memories of their shore leave adventures). Actually, the origin is quite different.

The old accounts mention harpers as playing "port, cor, and orgain." These seem to have been a tune, its ornamentation, and its bass line accompaniment, respectively. Port was a general term for a harp tune prior to the development of the formal port form in the sixteenth century. Tunes composed after the mid-seventeenth century frequently retain the word port in the title, even though the piece may lack the traditional port style.

The Maclean-Clephane manuscript, compiled by three sisters from Mull in the late eighteenth century, shows this port, cor, and orgain type treatment in its transcriptions of harp music. A florid treatment is applied to the tune — grace notes, triplets, inserted runs, and so forth — while the bass line is single notes (often including grace notes), punctuated by chords only at musically significant points. The sparse bass would suit well the ringing of the wire strung clarsach and echo the drone of the bagpipe.

The harp transcriptions are in the hand of Anna-Jane, the middle MacLean-Clephane sister. Her notes indicate that she had copied it from a Mr. MacDonald, who had taken it down from the playing of the Irish harper Echlin O'Cathain (born 1729, Derry). Harping by Scottish professionals had ceased almost entirely with the death of Murdoch MacDonald, "the last of the Highland harpers," in 1739; however, Irish harpers continued to visit Scotland, perhaps as late as 1790. Thus, a complete arrangement in the traditional style of Celtic harping may have been preserved through this tenuous link.



# Ceol nan Gaidheal

The Music of the Gael

by Joan McWilliams Weiss

## Puirt-a-beul (Mouth music)

When bagpipe or fiddle were not to be had, vocal dance music (beul = mouth) was a simple alternative. When instruments were banned in political repression, or broken up in religious fervor, mouth music was also an important means of retaining the precious tunes. But most of all, mouth music is great fun! There is pleasure in the sound of the words themselves, and in the tempo.

Gaelic music abounds with laments and tragic love songs, for life was usually cut short, but mouth music—often with teasing or flirting—takes a light-hearted look at life and love. The Gaelic language is indeed the source of much of the distinctive rhythms in Scottish music, and well suited to the lively dance tunes.

A popular strathspey is a fine example. *Mairi Sine Chaimbeul*, the

U.S. Mod adjudicator this year, has provided her version and translation for the Mod competitors. There is much repetition of phrases, some with words, and some with "vocables" without meaning. Here is the Chorus of "*S iomadh rud tha dhith orm*" ... (Many's the thing I lack...) ... that I would need before I marry:

*I bhi a bhi u bhi a bhi*

(vocables: ee vee ah vee oo vee ah vee)

*Air do shlainte, Mhoir a Cheannaich*

(Here's a health to you, Marion, the merchant's daughter)

*i bhi a bhi u bhi a bhi*

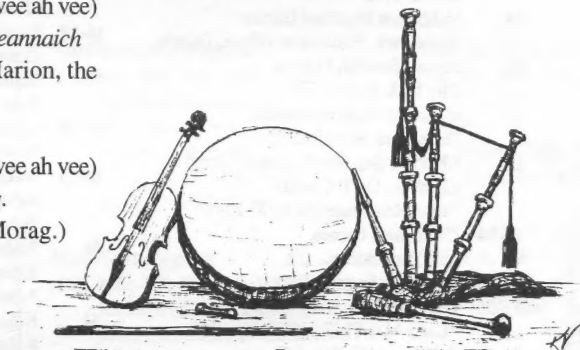
(vocables: ee vee ah vee oo vee ah vee)

*Air do shlaint', a Mhorag.*

(Here's a health to you, Morag.)

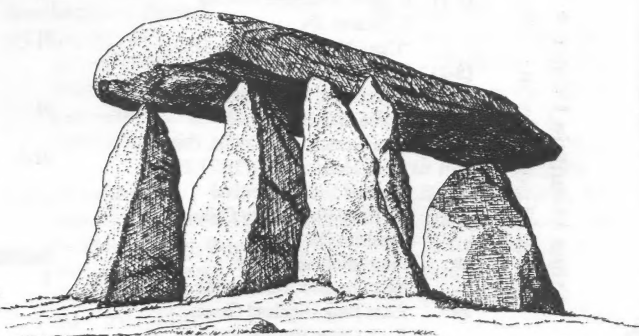
Morag = little Marion

The translation continues: "It is rings and beads that I would give to Morag," but then, "Black Donald MacDonald is after Morag tonight." The next verse, "We will dance and do reels on the night of Morag's wedding," is more hopeful, but the final verse, "In spite of what I heard I will not feel hatred for Morag", keeps us up in the air, dancing along with the delightful tune!



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# Coming Events

(Ed. note: This information is the best we have at deadline. All events which could not be verified have been left out. Please contact your Regional Commissioner for more information.)

## July (an t-Iuchar)

- 1 Canada Day
- 4 Independence Day
- 6 Collingwood Scottish Festival & Tattoo  
Collingwood, ONT, Canada
- 6 Metropolitan Festival & Games  
Halifax, NS Canada  
\*Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114
- 6 Round Hill Highland Games  
Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT
- 8 Tanist's Birthday  
Alistair D Henderson, Younger of Fordell
- 8 Branch Day
- 11-14 Grandfather Mountain Highland Games and Gathering  
Linville, NC
- 13 Haliburton Highland Games  
Glebe Park, Haliburton Village, Ontario
- 13 Payson Scottish Festival  
City Park, Payson UT
- 13 Rockford Highland Games  
Davis Park, Rockford, IL
- 13 Chatham Supreme Highland Games  
Chatham, ONT, Canada  
\*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 13-14 Caledonian Games  
City Park, Athena, OR
- 13-14 Dunsmuir Scottish Faire  
Oakland, CA  
\*Larry Mae Phillips (707)528-9892
- 13 Antigonish Highland Games  
Columbus Field, Antigonish, Nova Scotia  
\*Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114
- 19-21 Columbus Scottish Festival  
Columbus, IN  
\*Carol Maley (317)449-8260
- 19-21 New Brunswick Highland Games  
Fredericton, NB Canada
- 20 Orillia Scottish Festival  
Couchiching Park, Orillia, Ontario  
\*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 20 Portland Scottish Festival  
Mt Hood Community College,  
Gresham, OR
- 20 Festival of the Tartans  
New Glasgow, NS, Canada
- 20 Pikes Peak Highland Games  
Rock Ledge Historic Site  
Colorado Springs, CO  
\*Joseph McEldowney (303)690-2586
- 20-21 Mammoth Mountain Games  
Mammoth Lakes, CA
- 27 Barrie Highland Games  
Barrie, Ontario  
\*John W. Henderson (613) 273-2791
- 27 Glasgow Lands Scottish Festival
- 27 Indiana Highland Games  
Zoller Stadium, Fort Wayne, IN  
Blandford, MA
- 27-28 Virginia Scottish Games  
Alexandria, VA  
\*Lee Henderson (410)647-3160

- 27-28 Pacific Northwest Highland Games  
King Co Fairgrounds  
Enumclaw, WA  
\*Tom Henderson (206)843-1269

## August (an Lùnasdal)

- 3 Piper's Picnic  
Earltown, N.S.  
\*Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114
- 3 Detroit Highland Games  
Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores
- 3 Glengarry Highland Games  
Maxville, Ontario
- 3 Spokane Scottish Festival & Tattoo  
Spokane, WA
- 3 Tam O'Shanter Highland Games  
Easton, MA
- 3-4 Monterey Highland Games  
Monterey, CA  
Larry Mae Phillips (707)528-9892
- 4 Montreal Highland Games  
Montreal, PQ.
- 10 Fergus Highland Games  
Victoria Park, Fergus, Ontario  
\*John Henderson (613)273-2791
- 10 Central New York Scottish Festival  
Syracuse, NY  
\*Elaine Henderson Scott (716) 924-2008
- 10-11 Rocky Mountain Highland Games  
Highlands Ranch, CO  
\*Joseph McEldowney (303)690-2586
- 16-18 Sarnia Highland Games  
Centennial Park, Sarnia, Ontario
- 17 Maine Highland Games  
Brunswick, ME
- 17-18 Celtic Highland Games  
Myrtle Creek, OR
- 23-25 Jackson Highland Games  
Jackson, MS  
\*Mark Henderson (601)289-1534
- 24 Amherst Museum Scottish Festival  
Amherst, NY  
\*Gary Henderson (716) 743-8102
- 24 Kalamazoo Scottish Festival  
Kalamazoo, MI
- 24 Long Island Scottish Games  
Old Westbury, NY
- 24 Quechee Scottish Festival  
Polo Field, Quechee, VT
- 31 Calgary Highland Games  
Calgary, Alb, Canada  
Andy McMillan (403) 686-6909
- 31 Capital District Scottish Games  
Altamont, NY
- 31-1 Pleasanton Games  
Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA  
\*Larry Mae Phillips, (707) 528-9892

## September (an t-Sultainn)

- 1 Canmore Highland Games  
Canmore, AB, Canada  
\*Andy McMillan (403) 686-6909
- 2 Labor Day
- 5 King Alfred Fair  
Alfred Commons, Alfred, NY  
Paul Roy Henderson (607) 276-6888

- 7 Ligonier Highland Games  
Idlewild Park, Ligonier, PA  
\*Robert Henderson (412) 846-1969
- 13-15 New Hampshire Highland Games  
Loon Mt Recreation Ctr, Lincoln, NH
- 14-15 Scottish Highland Gathering  
Manheim, PA
- 21 Alexandria Scottish Heritage Fair  
Ft Ward Park, Alexandria, VA  
\*Jeff Henderson (703)690-1504
- 21 Charleston Highland Games  
Boone Hall Plantation, Charleston, SC
- 21-22 Oklahoma Scottish Games  
Chandler Park, Tulsa, OK  
\*David A Henderson (918)250-3575
- 27-29 Celtic Classic  
Bethlehem, PA
- 28 Alabama Scottish Games  
Blount Cultural Park  
Montgomery, AL  
\*Warren Henderson (205)361-7497
- 28 Williamsburg Scottish Festival  
Williamsburg, VA  
\*Craig & Dorothy Doolittle (804)599-6242
- 28-29 Scottish Expo  
Frederick, MD  
\*Steve Henderson (301) 350-6511

## October (an Damhar)

- 4-6 Heart of Tennessee  
Middle Tennessee State Univ.  
Murfreesboro, TN
- 4-6 Flora MacDonald Highland Games  
Red Springs, NC  
\*David Henderson (919) 637-5266
- 5 Loch Lomond Games  
Ben Lomond, CA
- 5 St Andrew's Society of Connecticut  
Scottish Festival  
Goshen, CT
- 12-13 Anne Arundel Scottish Festival  
Annapolis, MD  
\*Lee Henderson (410)647-3160
- 17-20 Stone Mountain Scottish Festival  
Atlanta, GA  
Henderson Dinner/Ceilidh  
\*George Henderson (803)359-1568
- 25-27 Richmond Highland Games  
Richmond, VA
- 26 Waxhaw Highland Games  
Waxhaw, NC  
\*George Henderson (803) 359-1568
- 31 Halloween (Samhuinn eve)

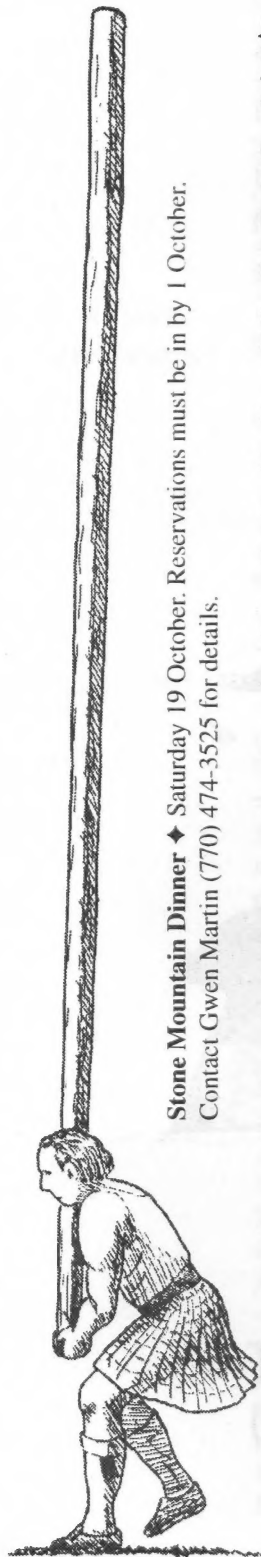
## November (an t-Samhainn)

- 1 Samhuinn
- 2 Tucson Celtic Festival  
Tucson, AZ
- 30 St Andrew's Day
- December (an Dùlchadh)
- 7 Scottish Christmas Walk  
Alexandria, VA  
Jeff Henderson II (703)690-1504
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve, Hogmanay

## 5-8 September

Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival  
Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting  
Estes Park, CO  
\*Robert Henderson (303) 663-3773  
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# Scots Grace

As a good Scot, at any given minute,  
you may be called upon to say grace. Of  
course, we are all familiar with Robert  
Burns 'Selkirk Grace':

*'Some hae meat and canna eat, Some  
hae nane that want it, But we hae meat and  
we can eat And so the Lord be thankit.'*

Here are a few more you may be less  
familiar with( I know not to whom they are  
attributable!)

*O, Lord, we thank ye for this food and  
we ask ye tae help us find the right  
words,  
so we'll no' hae tae eat them later on.*

*Thank God for dirty dishes,  
They hae a tale tae tell,  
Whilst ither folk gang hungry  
We've eaten verra well.  
For hame, health an' happiness  
We shouldna mak a fuss  
For by this pile o' evidence,  
God's been verra guid tae us!*

*Stick in 'til ye stick oot!*

*He that, wi' oot grace, sits doon tae eat  
Forgettin' tae gi'e God thanks for his meat  
An', risin' again, lets grace pass,  
Sits doon like an ox an' rises like an ass.*

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